

## APPENDIX 2: ACADEMIC-COMMUNITY PEER REVIEW BOARD

*Counting Femicide: Data Feminism in Action* comes from working in collaboration, community, and solidarity with femicide data activists since 2019. It documents the creative, intellectual, and emotional labor of data activists across the Americas and shows how their approach to data science challenges the hegemonic and extractivist logics of mainstream data science. Using these insights, the book inductively develops the idea of a restorative/transformational data science—a data science grounded in healing and liberation—and speculates about how this approach may have relevance in other domains characterized by structural inequality, such as health, housing, environment, land use, and more.

In doing this work, I draw from my prior collaboration with Lauren Klein on *Data Feminism*, as well as my current collaboration on Data Against Femicide (<https://dataagainstfemicide.net>)—a large, participatory action-research-design project I have been leading with Silvana Fumega and Helena Suárez Val since 2019. In writing this book, I feel most accountable to these two groups—my collaborators and the femicide data activists we have been working with. For them and for me, I want to ensure that the work meets its goals around collaboration, community, and solidarity. Toward this end, I formed an Academic-Community Peer Review Board so that I could hear directly from them as part of the review process.

The board was composed of my three collaborators along with representatives from three different organizations across the Americas (discussed ahead). I called it an “academic-community” board because everyone on the board represents multiple perspectives: all have academic training; several are leading scholars of feminism, femicide, and MMIW/P whom I admire; many lead activist and community-based organizations; many work directly with families; and some are also survivors of

violence themselves. In convening an academic-community board, this was also an attempt to follow the data feminism principles of rethinking binaries and hierarchies. All too often, academia theorizes (and often romanticizes and other-izes) “the community” as something separate from “the academy.” In this case, the feminicide data activism community that I have been in dialogue with over the past four years is centrally comprised of public scholars, theory-building activists, heads of advocacy organizations with PhDs, professors who drive groceries to families’ houses, and more. I sought to make space for the idea that “academic” and “community” are deeply intertwined.

The process was as follows: Each board member read the book manuscript in fall 2022 and made comments, and then we discussed it at a collaborative workshop in December 2022, as well as at individual meetings in January 2023. I would like to thank the interpreters who made our multilingual book feedback workshop possible. Gracias to Pat Antuña Arbulo and Ana Barreiro. If anyone is looking for live interpretation for Spanish, English, and Portuguese, please get in touch with them at [pat@mezcladas.com](mailto:pat@mezcladas.com) and [ana@baameirotaducciones.com](mailto:ana@baameirotaducciones.com). In regard to compensation, I estimated the work at twenty hours and paid members at a rate of \$100 per hour. Per their wishes, board members were compensated either individually or as a donation to their organization or else we did a labor trade. This process was made possible through grants that I received from my institution.

I am deeply indebted to the Academic-Community Peer Review Board for shaping my thinking and writing on *Counting Feminicide*. As I describe further in chapter 2, this process significantly shifted some of the central concepts of the book. For example, where I had been previously theorizing a “counterdata science,” I heard from multiple board members that this framing did not align with their conception of their work. It was too binaristic—appearing to create the hard binary of official data versus activist counterdata—when in fact activist data make their way into official data and vice versa. For the Alianza Feminista para el Mapeo de los Femi(ni)cidios en Ecuador, it sounded like activists were going to the state begging to be part of the official record, when in fact they consider their work to be about restoring fundamental rights that have been denied. For Sovereign Bodies Institute, it was too focused on doing data science as a “counter” to the colonial state when they see their work as primarily about Indigenous sovereignty and kinship. From these conversations and the brainstorms that followed, the concept of a restorative/transformational data science emerged. While this was one of the largest shifts based on the board’s feedback, there were many medium and small shifts that arose from the generous feedback, comments, questions, and references suggested by the board members. *Counting Feminicide* was significantly

strengthened out of this process, and I am deeply grateful for the time and generosity of this board.

#### MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC-COMMUNITY PEER REVIEW BOARD

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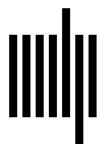
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